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Oxford Miss.

March. 3. 1897.


My Dear Mother and Father & Cousins  
Stop scolding! Now,  
and proceed to letters and let your  
reproaches for not writing be hushed by  
my excuses. My slight attack of cold  
culminated in a little attack of Grippe  
which prevented my attending school  
Thursday, (Friday was a holiday) and  
also made me lose Monday. It is nothing  
serious but caused me to lose two whole  
days and part of one other.

I found I had made a mistake when  
I said all my correspondents had left me.  
Since that was stated a letter has come  
from every one of my old friends and  
one from a comparative stranger—  
— a girl I met on the train coming over to  
Oxford after Xmas

She writes a better letter than any of my other correspondents. Is going to school in West Point and lives in Greenville. She is a Senior in school and Editor-in-Chief of the college-paper.

I received your letter this morning and was very much improved in pocket by the contents.

It will pay last month's board bill and working account and leave me five dollars for money with next month. Surely the man that invented

 the expression that is used when one makes money easily, i.e. "that's like getting money from home" was not placed under ordinary conditions when he was at school.

I was talking to a man who went to school here before the war, the other day and in course of conversation I asked him if the boys were required to make their own beds etc. (he had just stated that

they were required to get up at day-light and go to Chapel at sun-up.) "Do this own work?" He asked—"Why, No, Sir, they were not asked to do that and I doubt if they would have done so had they been required."

"A great many of the boys had their own servants with them and all had the use of University negroes!"

He seemed rather surprised at the idea of any boy doing his own work.

He was a charter member of ΔΚΕ and graduated in the class of '54. The largest the University has ever turned out.

He delivered an address one morning at the Chapel and made quite an impression. And the most prominent thing about him was his old badge, almost as large as a saucer, which he had kept for nearly forty-five years.

He wore it on the breast of his frock-coat and the minute he stepped on the



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